

EXPRESS RATE RAISE.

Company Claims That They are Below Legal Rate.

Columbia, June 18.—It is probable that there will be an increase in the express rates in this state soon. A letter has been received from the second vice president of the Southern Express company, C. L. Loop, of Chattanooga, by the railroad commission, calling attention to the fact that the law allows express companies to charge a rate which is 50 per cent. higher than the first class freight rate. In addition to this, Mr. Loop calls attention to the fact that on a haul in this state the expense of free delivery by wagons in all cities must be taken into consideration. Mr. Loop wants permission to rectify the error that have stood for several years, and gives some examples of the rates which exist now, as follows:

	First Class Freight.	Express Rate.
10 to 20 miles,	27	30
20 to 25 miles,	35	30
25 to 30 miles,	35	50
30 to 40 miles,	40	50
40 to 50 miles,	45	50
50 to 60 miles,	47	50
60 to 70 miles,	46	50

These rates apply on the Coats Line and Charleston and Western Carolina, and there are similar errors on the other roads, examples of which are given.

Start of an Iowa Lawyer.

An Iowa lawyer tells the following story of his first months of practice. He went to a small country town and secured an office room, in front of which was placed the usual sign. Then he sat down and waited for his clients to appear, all the while feeling very much the dignity of his position. The day passed and no one called, and another, and another, until weeks went by, and still there had been no client.

One morning, however, he was at the depot to attend upon the arrival of the daily accommodation train, quite an important function of the town, when a handsome, well-dressed young lady approached and inquired, "is this Mr. Smith?" At once the feeling of importance returned. "It is, madam. What can I do for you?" "Can you tell me how much it will cost to send a sow and pigs to the next station?"

The Capitol Dome.

Columbia, June 15.—Mr. Kort Berle, the United States civil engineer and architect who is here looking over the work on the Capitol building and inspecting the dome, will probably return to Washington tomorrow. He has nearly completed the examination, but will not submit his report until next week. Mr. Berle, of course, will say nothing for publication until he has completed his report, and this is awaited with much interest for those who have followed the charges made as to faulty construction.

Revolutionary Hero Honored.

Roxbury, Mass., June 17.—A statue of Gen. Joseph Warren, of Revolutionary fame, was unveiled in his native town of Roxbury today. The event was accompanied with interesting ceremonies in which Governor Bates, Mayor Collins, of Boston, and other men of note took part. A large parade of military and civic bodies preceded the unveiling ceremonies.

The statue was modeled in Paris by Paul W. Bartlett and cast in New York. It represents General Warren wearing the three cornered hat and the long-skirted overcoat of the period. He carries a small sword in its scabbard in his left hand, the idea being to emphasize the citizen rather than the soldier. The figure stands in an easy but commanding pose on the centre of a semicircular pedestal. On the back of the bench is a bronze relief showing General Warren's death during the combat between the raw levies of Americans near Boston and the British regulars.

An ordinary echo is a curious thing, but, according to the statement of a Frenchman at a watering place in the Pyrenees, one echo on the Franco-Spanish frontier is so far from ordinary that it must have started in America. "As soon as you have spoken," said the Frenchman, who had secured an audience of wide-mouthed tourists, "you hear distinctly the voice leap from rock to rock, from precipice to precipice, and as soon as it has passed the frontier it assumes the Spanish tongue! But yes, I have heard it often."

Cape Henry Va., June 16.—Burned wreckage from a large unknown coasting steamer is drifting ashore between False Cape and Currituck light houses this morning. It is feared that a big steamer has been burned at sea and many lives lost.

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Charlotte, N. C., June 15.—Adam Bent, colored, was hanged at Roxboro N. C., today for the murder of Fleetwood Wilkins, a young white man. The negro beat his victim with his fist so that he died shortly afterward.

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COLUMBIA'S STEAMBOAT BURNED.

The Highlander Totally Destroyed Near Georgetown on Downward Trip.

Columbia, June 17.—Manager T. D. Love of the Highlander was greatly surprised and profoundly shocked last night by a telegram which came to him at midnight from Capt. J. C. Smith saying the boat had been burned 25 miles above Georgetown. The telegram gave no particulars and nothing is known here as to the origin of the fire. The telegram was dated Georgetown and simply said: "Highlander lost by fire 25 miles above Georgetown. Total loss."

The boat was on its way to Georgetown at the time and had no cargo. The vessel was practically new, having been built only three years ago, and was valued at \$12,000. It was insured for only \$3,000, with J. H. Boatwright & Son at Wilmington, N. C. Although the telegram says "total loss," Manager Love is of the opinion that much of the machinery may be saved. The loss falls heavily on Mr. Love—he and not the Chamber of Commerce being the owner.

New Cotton Pest in Alabama.

Selma, Ala., June 16.—A kind of cotton bug not known to any farmers or cotton men in this section has been found in the cotton and specimens of the pest were today sent to New Orleans. The new bug is not a member, so far as known, of any of the weevil families so far reported. It is very small, but masses in such quantities that it seems like a blight. It is prevalent all over the county and already has done much damage. It kills every leaf and branch it attacks, and is said to have alarmed some planters.

Great Storm in Cuba.

Santiago, de Cuba, June 15, by steamer to Manzanillo, June 16.—The worst storm of a decade began Friday and culminated Monday night in 14 inches of rain which fell in five hours, accompanied by a hurricane.

The lower village of El Cobre has been destroyed.

Forty-five persons are known to be dead and scores are missing. Bodies are floating in the Cobre river.

Twenty bodies have been recovered by boats patrolling the bay.

All the bridges on the Cobre railway are out and many bridges have been lost on the Cuba railway.

A train which left Habana Saturday is held between washouts for eight miles inland.

A relief train bringing mail and passengers was wrecked at Moron. The fireman and mail agent were killed and two of the employees were injured. The passengers are safe.

The mines at Daiquiri are crippled and six of the employees have been drowned. The pier has been damaged. The city's property loss is enormous. All telegraph and cables lines are disabled.

Beaumont, Mont., June 1.—Two masked men held up the Northern Pacific passenger train near here last night. They dynamited the express car to gain an entrance and then blew open the safe. Securing the valuable contents of the safe they fled to the mountains. A posse is in pursuit, but with little chance of capturing them.

En route from the funeral of her husband Wednesday, the carriage of Mrs. Florence Stoner, of Des Moines, Iowa, was stopped and a committee representing the Yeoman Lodge, of Des Moines, handed her a purse containing \$1,777 in cash, the face of a life insurance policy held by Mr. Stoner in that order. The lodge took this unique method of establishing a record for a quick payment of claims.

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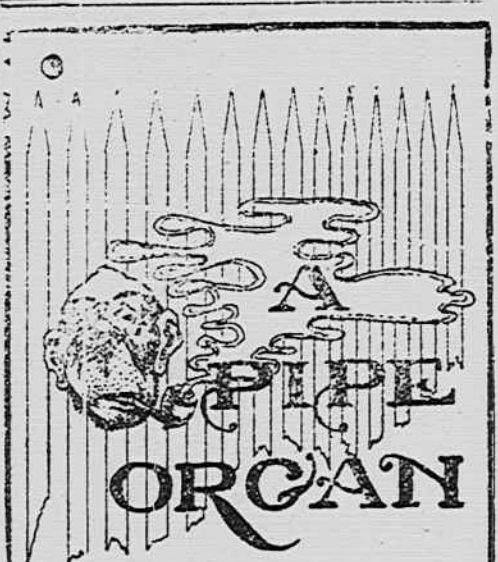
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